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1. JOE CAMILLERI, MINTOFF'S PRIVATE SECRETARY AND SECRETARY TO THE CABINET, TELEPHONED ME TODAY TO ASK IF THE SECRETARY'S TRAVEL PLANS FOR THE REST OF THE MONTH HAD YET BEEN FORMULATED. HE SAID THAT MINTOFF STILL PLANNED TO ATTEND THE JANUARY 18-19 MEETING OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS IN DENMARK AND THAT HE HOPED A MEETING MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IF THE SECRETARY WERE GOING TO BE ANYWHERE IN EUROPE ABOUT THE SAME TIME. CAMILLERI HAD SEEN PRESS REPORTS CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE TRAVEL OF THE SECRETARY TO MOSCOW IN JANUARY. THESE OBVIOUSLY TOUCHED OFF THE QUERY.

2. I TOLD CAMILLERI THAT I HAD RECEIVED NO DEFINITE WORD ON THE SECRETARY'S TRAVEL PLANS IN JANUARY BUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS FULLY AWARE OF MINOTFF'S DESIRE FOR SUCH A MEETING. I SAID I WOULD LET HIM KNOW AS SOON AS I HEARD WHETHER THE SECRETARY'S TRAVEL PLANS MIGHT MAKE A MEETING POSSIBLE. SMITH

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